

This weekend I returned from a week-long mission to Israel with the Jewish United Fund. You can read more about it [here](#).

On my first stop in Israel, I met with more than 50 eighth grade students from around the 10th District participating in the Community Foundation for Jewish Education's Ta'am Yisrael (Taste of Israel) program. This seven-day, hands-on journey through Israel provides eighth grade students a powerful "taste" of their Jewish heritage and identity. Gathering at Latrun -- site of one of the most famous tank battles of Israel's 1948 War of Independence – we spoke to students about the strategic importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship and the threats Israel faces from Hamas, Hezbollah and Iran.

